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Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Behavioral Health
Central Louisiana State Hospital

January 3, 2022

Louisiana Ethics Administration Program P.O. Box 4368 Baton Rouge, LA 70821

RE: Request for an Advisory Opinion

This letter is to request an Advisory Opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit Jeremy Nunnally from contracting with Central Louisiana State Hospital ("CLSH") to serve as a chaplain at a time when he is employed with CLSH as a Police Officer.

Mr. Nunnally has been employed in CLSH's Security Department as a part-time WAE Police Officer 1-A since November 2, 2020. He has since accepted a Job Appointment position (Police Officer) at the facility with an effective date of January 10, 2022. As a Police Officer, his duties include transporting patients, patrolling the grounds, and manning the front gate under the supervision of the Police Lieutenant A. Following the retirement of CLSH's chaplain, Mr. Nunnally, a licensed and ordained minister since 2009, has expressed interest in also providing chaplain services at CLSH, which would be coordinated and supervised by the Social Services Department Head, Social Worker 6B. Since chaplain jobs are in a different pay schedule and have different duties, the two positions cannot be combined. As such, a professional services contract would be required in order to retain Mr. Nunnally's services as a chaplain.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please place this request on the docket for the Board's March 2022 meeting. If you should have any questions, please Haley Williams, Attorney Supervisor, at haley.williams2@la.gov or (225) 342-9835.

Sincerely,

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